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SUBJECT: UNDP ADMINISTRATOR

FOR AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN FROM SECRETARY

PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO WALDHEIM AT YOUR
CONVENIENCE:

1. I UNDERSTAND YOU WERE CONCERNED AT RUDOLF PETERSON'S
RECENT INDICATION TO YOU THAT HE WISHED TO EXTEND HIS
CONTRACT FOR A YEAR, BELIEVING THIS WOULD PLACE YOU IN A
DIFFICULT POSITION WITH THE LDC'S, SOME OF WHOM SUPPORT
HIM, IF YOU PROCEEDED TO MOVE MORSE INTO HIS POSITION AT
THE END OF THE YEAR.

2. THIS IS TO ADVISE YOU THAT I HAD A GOOD TALK WITH
PETERSON ON SEPTEMBER 8 AND EXPLAINED TO HIM WHY THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT DECIDED THIS CHANGE SHOULD BE MADE, I.E. TO
AVOID THE RISK OF LOSING THIS JOB TO THE U.S. AND TO AVOID
A FURTHER EROSION OF CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE UNDP.

3. PETERSON WAS VERY CONTENT WITH THE DISCUSSION. UNDER
THESE CIRCUMSTANCES I BELIEVE YOU NEED HAVE NO MORE
CONCERN ABOUT HIS ATTITUDE AND I WILL COUNT ON YOU TO PRO-
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